GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA

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LHB Coaches
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Linke Hofmann Busch (LHB) coaches presently in use in the Railways and sections in which they are specially used and the expenditure incurred on making them;

(b) whether LHB coaches are not much faster, cost effective and energy efficient and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Railways has any proposal to replace the existing LHB coaches with Talgo trains and if so, the details along with its features thereof; and

(d) the time by which the Talgo trains are likely to be pressed into service in a big way?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE)
OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND
MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

(SHRI MANOJ SINHA)

(a) The holding of LHB coaches over Indian Railway is about 3800. This is being utilized over all Zonal Railways. The average unit cost of LHB AC and Non AC coach manufactured at Rail Coach Factory/ Kapurthala in 2014-15 is approximately `230 lakh & `170 lakh respectively.

(b) No, Madam. LHB (Linke Hofmann Busch) coaches have higher speed potential, are more cost and energy efficient than conventional ICF (Integral Coach Factory) design coaches.

(c) No, Madam. Presently, there is no plan to replace existing LHB coaches with Talgo trains.

(d) Does not arise.

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